The One Hundred and Ninety Second Annual Meeting

Of

The Rhode Island Historical Society

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

5:30 P.M.

Aldrich House
110 Benevolent Street
Providence, RI  02906
2013 Annual Meeting
Of
The Rhode Island Historical Society

Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome
Barry G. Hittner, Esq.
Chair

Treasurer’s Report
James P. Loring, CPA, CFA
Treasurer

Nominating Committee Report &
Election of Officers and Trustees, 2013-2014
Barry G. Hittner, Esq.
Nominating Committee Chair

2012-2013: The Year in Review
C. Morgan Grefe, Ph.D.
Executive Director

New Business
Barry G. Hittner, Esq.
Chair

Presentation
Finding a Homeplace: Black Women Clergy
Planting Roots in the Church
Reverend Kirstin Boswell-Ford
Associate University Chaplain for the
Protestant Community at Brown University

Closing Remarks
Barry G. Hittner, Esq.
Chair

Please join us for a reception following the close of business.
Finding a Homeplace: Black Women Clergy
Planting Roots in the Church

Guest Speaker: Reverend Kirstin Boswell-Ford, Associate Chaplain for the Protestant Community at Brown University

Reverend Kirstin Boswell-Ford is an American Baptist clergy-woman and holds a Master of Divinity from the University of Chicago Divinity School. She is currently completing a doctoral dissertation in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology of Religion at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Her writing focuses on analyzing the call narratives of African American clergywomen, and examining how they successfully or unsuccessfully navigate the societal and denominational barriers that impact their ability to feel as if they have been faithful to their vocational yearnings.

Before coming to Brown she was Protestant Chaplain at Bentley University and the Director of Operations for the International Association of Black Religions and Spiritualities, an international non-profit organization based at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Reverend Boswell-Ford has also served in congregational ministry for the last 10 years, and is currently on the pastoral staff of Union Baptist Church in Cambridge, MA.

Reverend Boswell-Ford is married to Reverend Paul Robeson Ford, Senior Pastor of Union Baptist Church in Cambridge, MA, and together they are raising their three children.
Nominations of the 2013-2014 Board Term

Officers Nominated for Term of One Year

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Barry G. Hittner, Esq.
Counselor at Law

For Vice Chair:
James P. Loring, CPA, CFA
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Senior Vice President
Amica

For Treasurer:
Nancy K. Cassidy
Executive Counsel
Textron, Inc.

For Secretary:
Sylvia E. Brown
Philanthropy & Donor Advisor
Brown & Fischer

Trustee Nominated for Second Three Year Term

Barbara K. Hart
Vice President Special Assets
Washington Trust Company
Trustees Nominated for Initial Term of Three Years

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Attorney at Law
Littler Mendelson PC

Christopher Hurd
Owner
Hurd AutoMall

Edward Iannuccilli, M.D.
Physician and Writer

Alexandra Pezzello
Attorney at Law
Partridge Snow & Hahn

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Senior Vice President, Risk Management
Washington Trust Company

The Honorable William E. Smith
District Court Judge
District of Rhode Island

Polly Talbott
Independent consultant and community volunteer

Trustee Nominated for Term of Two Years

Mike Ritz
Executive Director
Leadership Rhode Island

Trustees Nominated for a Return Term of Three Years

Winifred E. Brownell, Ph.D.
Dean of Arts and Sciences
University of Rhode Island

Theodore W. Smalletz
Chief Financial Officer
Gloria Duchin, Inc.
Board of Trustees, Officers, Members and Chairs 2012-2013

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Luther W. Spoehr, Ph.D. Senior Lecturer, Department of Education and History, Brown University Second Vice Chair

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Sylvia E. Brown Philanthropy & Donor Advisor, Brown & Fischer Secretary

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Nancy K. Cassidy, Esq. Executive Counsel Textron, Inc.

The Hon. Robert G. Flanders, Jr., Esq. Partner, Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP

George M. Goodwin, Ph.D. Independent Historian

Ms. Barbara K. Hart Vice President Special Assets Washington Trust Company

Peter Karczmar, MD Physician Coastal Medical

Mr. Keith Kelly Senior Vice President RBS Citizens, Corporate Banking Group

Kathryn B. Mandel, CPA Partner Mandel & Tracy, LLC

Mr. Robert J. Manning President, Grays Point Investments LLC

Carolyn P. Medina, Esq. Project Manager Women's Development Corporation

Mr. Robert G. Padula, CPCU, ARM Chief Executive Officer Gencorp Insurance Group

Ms. Marisa Quinn Vice President of Public Affairs & University Relations Brown University

Mr. Mike Ritz Executive Director Leadership Rhode Island

Ms. Barbara J. Thornton, AIA Partner, Brewster Thornton Group Architects LLP

Trustee Ex-Officio

Mr. Thomas R. Evans State Librarian, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation
Rhode Island Historical Society COMMITTEES
2012-2013

Staff Liaison: Morgan Grefe, Executive Director and Barry Hittner, Board Chair serve ex officio on all committees. Other staff contacts are listed by name.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit Committee
Kathryn B. Mandel (Chair)
Anthony Calandrelli
Lawrence Davidson*
Theodore W. Smalletz*
Staff Contact: Charmyne Goodfellow

Executive Committee
Barry G. Hittner (Chair)
James P. Loring
William S. Simmons
Luther W. Spoehr
Sylvia E. Brown
Chair’s appt. William M. Fowler, Jr.

Finance Committee
James P. Loring (Chair)
Barbara K. Hart
Keith Kelly
Robert G. Padula
Dennis E. Stark*
Lyle Fain*
James M. Nagle*
Kathryn Spoehr*
Staff Contact: Charmyne Goodfellow

Subcommittee of Finance Committee
Investment Committee
James Wing* (Chair)
James P. Loring (Ex-officio)
Lydia Schroter* (Investment only)
Dennis E. Stark*
James M. Nagle*

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Barry G. Hittner (Chair)
Roger N. Begin
Sylvia E. Brown
Robert G. Flanders, Jr.
Marisa Quinn
William S. Simmons
Staff Contact: Kathy Clarendon

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Annual Fund & Membership Committee
George Goodwin (Chair)
Kathryn B. Mandel
Luther Spoehr
Ted Smalletz*
Barbara Thornton
Staff Contact: Kathy Clarendon

Collections Committee
William S. Simmons (Chair)
Thomas R. Evans
William M. Fowler, Jr.
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Staff Contact: Kirsten Hammerstrom

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Nancy K. Cassidy (Co-Chair)
Staff Contact: Kathy Clarendon

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Theodore W. Smalletz*
Staff Contact: Elyssa Tardif

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Staff Contact: Kirsten Hammerstrom
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Theodore W. Smalletz*
James Findlay*
Robert Allen Greene*
Reverend Robert Hayman*
Jane Lancaster*
J. Stanley Lemons*
William McKenzie Woodward*
Staff Contact: Elyssa Tardif

*Indicates non-trustee committee member
Rhode Island Historical

Statement of Financial Position
June 30th, 2013

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<th>ASSETS:</th>
<th>2013</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<td>Cash and cash Equivalents:</td>
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<td>Operating</td>
<td>527,464</td>
<td>633,636</td>
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<td>Grant restricted</td>
<td>63,259</td>
<td>160,017</td>
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<td>Receivables:</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
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<td>193,319</td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>59,706</td>
<td>44,309</td>
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<td>Pledges</td>
<td>15,100</td>
<td>30,100</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>23,771</td>
<td>29,940</td>
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<td>Inventories</td>
<td>18,357</td>
<td>19,450</td>
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<td>Prepaid Expenses</td>
<td>9,667</td>
<td>13,143</td>
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<td>Investments, at fair value</td>
<td>11,356,035</td>
<td>9,742,490</td>
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<td>Property and Equipment, net</td>
<td>2,795,370</td>
<td>2,883,213</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>14,891,275</td>
<td>13,749,617</td>
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| LIABILITIES: |            |              |
| Accounts payable | 36,563      | 167,780      |
| Accrued liabilities |              |              |
| Payroll and payroll taxes | 74,419       | 54,501       |
| Other | 18,000        | 17,500       |
| Total Liabilities | 128,982      | 239,781      |

| NET ASSETS: |
| Unrestricted: |
| General | 852,751      | 627,666      |
| Board Designated | 3,468,124    | 3,617,512    |
| Total | 4,320,875     | 4,245,178    |
| Temporarily Restricted | 755,539      | 607,779      |
| Permanently Restricted | 9,685,879    | 8,656,879    |
| Total net assets | 14,762,293   | 13,509,836   |
| TOTAL | 14,891,275    | 13,749,617   |
### Statement of Activities
**June 30th, 2013**

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<th></th>
<th>Unrestricted - General</th>
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<td><strong>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</strong></td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>284,153</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<td>291,153</td>
<td>308,601</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>328,632</td>
<td>1,950</td>
<td>71,957</td>
<td>1,029,000</td>
<td>1,431,539</td>
<td>835,594</td>
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<td>Bequest income</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>62,718</td>
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<td><strong>Total Public Support</strong></td>
<td>612,785</td>
<td>78,957</td>
<td>1,029,000</td>
<td>1,785,410</td>
<td>1,144,195</td>
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<td><strong>Revenue:</strong></td>
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<td>Program revenues</td>
<td>40,224</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>15,397</td>
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<td>55,621</td>
<td>72,331</td>
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<td>Membership dues</td>
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<td>64,657</td>
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<td>In-kind contributions</td>
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<td>72,357</td>
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<td>Admissions income</td>
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<td>67,054</td>
<td>68,033</td>
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<td>Publications and book sales</td>
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<td>Administrative fees</td>
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<td>Investment income, net</td>
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<td>1,135,851</td>
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<td>Rental functions income</td>
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<td>33,642</td>
<td>20,983</td>
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<td>6,853</td>
<td>2,747</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets released from restrictions</strong></td>
<td>497,918</td>
<td>(309,755)</td>
<td>(188,163)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td>1,617,957</td>
<td>(214,056)</td>
<td>68,803</td>
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<td>1,472,704</td>
<td>(169,354)</td>
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<td><strong>Special Events</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Revenue</td>
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<td>Expense</td>
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<td>(32,848)</td>
<td>(19,387)</td>
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<td><strong>Total public support and revenue</strong></td>
<td>2,306,303</td>
<td>(149,388)</td>
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<td>3,333,675</td>
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### Expenses:

#### Program Services:

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<td>Woosnocket museum</td>
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<td>Education program</td>
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<td><strong>Total program services</strong></td>
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#### Supporting services:

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<td>Management and general</td>
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<td><strong>Total supporting services</strong></td>
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**Total Expenses**

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### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

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RIHS Staff
November-2013

**Administration**
C. Morgan Grefe, Ph.D., Executive Director
Silvia Rees, Executive Assistant

**Building, Grounds & Housekeeping**
Ed Desjarlais, Buildings & Grounds
Kevin Sheppard, Housekeeper

**Collections**
Kirsten Hammerstrom, Director of Collections

**Development, Public Relations & Membership**
Kathy Clarendon, Director of Development
Mary Lou Upham, Development Associate

**Education**
Elyssa Tardif, Director, Newell D. Goff Center for Education & Public Programs
Barbara Barnes, Tour Services Manager
Dalila Alves, Education & Visitors Services Manager
Marie Parys, Education Specialist
Justin Squizzero, Programs Coordinator
Patty Reynolds, Gift Shop Clerk

**Library**
Phoebe Bean, Printed Collections Librarian
Jim DaMico, Librarian
Jennifer Galpern, Library Receptionist/Administrative Assistant
Peter Griswold, Assistant Technical Services Librarian
J.D. Kay, Digital Imaging Specialist & Rights and Reproduction Manager
Liam Kopilow, Library Assistant
Dana Signe Kindstedt Munroe, Registrar

**Museum of Work & Culture**
Ray Bacon, Co-Site Director
Anne Conway, Co-Site Director
Darline Amaral, Gift Shop Manager
Irene Blais, Clerical
Gary Boucher, Custodian
Liz Maynard, Education Coordinator
Alyce Shulla Sannella, Receptionist/Clerk
Susan Shea, Receptionist/Clerk

**Publications**
Elizabeth Stevens, Ph.D., Editor, RI History Magazine

**Rentals**
Renata Luongo, Rental Program Manager

**RHODI Project**
Timothy Wade, Jr., RHODI Project Coordinator
Chelsea Gunn, RHODI Project Field Surveyor
Lindsay Selin, RHODI Project Field Surveyor
Gian Spicuzza, RHODI Project IT Coordinator
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2012-2013

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Mrs. A.M. Murray
Mr. Eugene A. Peloquin
Mr. Henry D. Sharpe, Jr. & Mrs. Peggy Boyd Sharpe

Mrs. William Sherman
The Honorable Fernand J. St. Germain
Mr. James F. Twaddell
Ms. Alice Viola
Mr. George H. Waterman, III
Mr. Charles E. Williams
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Mr. Eric M. Wunsch
Mr. Louis Yip
A Life Well Lived... Farewell to Meg Robinson
by C. Morgan Greif, Ph.D., Executive Director

In July an important friend of the RIHS passed. Her name was Mary Elizabeth Goff Robinson, or Meg as she was widely known. Meg was beloved by both the staff and friends of the Rhode Island Historical Society, the Currier Museum of Art, the RISD Museum, and the Providence Public Library. She left a legacy that will continue to inspire and inform for generations to come. Meg’s legacy will be celebrated through a series of events and programs, which continues today. It was my great privilege to get to know Meg over my nine years at the Society. As the Director of the Goff Center, I visited Meg and her husband Charlie many times on matters we discussed. We talked for hours about history and Rhode Island. She shared articles and books, her thoughts and her time. They opened their home to me and my family, even taking us with (as our intrepid guide) to see one of their other special places: the Hagley Museum, in Delaware.

Meg was an indefatigable supporter of me as a professional, as the first voice of the Goff Center and then as the first woman executive director of the RIHS. Her support was felt keenly and greatly appreciated. As a historian I often find myself thinking about the legacy I will leave: have I made the world, in any aspect, better than when I got here? I can’t imagine that Meg ever had to wonder about that. The gifts she gave to the RIHS allowed more than 75,000 students a year.

Meg was a brilliant and opinionated, thoughtful, and shared her woman with a rich, resonant laugh. She was a gifted painter, historical researcher and writer. She authored two books for the Chester County Historical Society in Pennsylvania about the intersection of creativity and business, a trait she prized and supported. She had been a member of the Junior League of Providence and when the Hope Club opened its door to women as members, she was one of the first to join, even though by that point she had long been a resident of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Not far from my family, in fact. Who was Meg? She was a gifted writer, researcher and thinker. She was her own voice, more than any other. She shared her life with me.

Meg left us a legacy that will continue to inspire and inform for generations to come. This is the story of her life. Meg’s gifts will be with the Society forever. Her support lives on in the endowment, where every year, a piece is used to bring millions of students a year. More than 75,000 students a year.

Meg’s gifts will also live with me forever. She was a smile and a card, a good book she thought I’d enjoy, a discussion of great museums and approaches to teaching. She was grace and poise and intelligence—a life to live up to. I am proud and honored to have called Meg a friend. And we will every day work to deserve the faith she had in us all.

Farewell, Meg, a true friend to me, to Rhode Island.
In a time when women were publicly railed and could not vote, Catherine Read Williams was a self-supporting author and ardent supporter of the Suffrage movement. Born in 1879, she was the daughter of sea captain Alfred Arnold. As a young woman, Miss Arnold met Mr. Williams, a sixth-generation descendant of Roger Williams, and they were married in New York before moving to the western part of the State. After only a few years, their division flared up as they both liked the idea of Providence, where friends judged the marriage as 'a most unfortunate one.' Mrs. Williams petitioned for divorce, with the support of her Providence friends, and though denied at first, persisted, until she won.

She supported herself by opening a school, and with her writing. She became part of Providence's literary and antebellum circles, and developed an interest in politics. Catherine Williams was not the only woman who supported the suffrage movement; attendance at public suffrage meetings were women.

Mr. Williams, a sixth-generation descendant of Roger Williams, was an author and ardent supporter of the Suffrage movement. Mrs. Williams petitioned for divorce soon after she won, thanks to her, we live in a very different world.